



QUINCY

Norfolk County



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NARRATIVE

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The City of Quincy is known by outsiders as the City of Presidents, but is known by residents as a vigorous urban commercial and business center serving the surrounding towns in Norfolk and Plymouth counties. First settled in 1625 by traders, Quincy was established as a town in 1792 and incorporated as a city in 1888. The original rural agricultural economy was quickly supplemented by fishing and then shipbuilding and granite quarrying. The Quincy quarries provided the granite for the Bunker Hill Monument among other famous structures, while the descendent of previous yards, the Fore River shipyard, built and launched many of the merchant and naval ships that sailed the world's oceans until long past the Second World War. Immigrants from Italy, Sweden, Finland, Scotland and Ireland came to work in the shipyards and granite quarries and to diversify the Yankee population. English settlers retaining farms in Quincy into the 18th century included the Adams family, two of whose members became ambassadors, legislators and presidents and John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence. John Adams followed George Washington as president of the United States and his son John Quincy Adams followed Thomas Jefferson as president. The relatively modest Adams homestead still stands in its orchard and garden in Quincy, one of the many things that draw visitors to the City. Linked to Boston by rapid transit, Quincy now has some characteristics of a suburban bedroom community, including comfortable and pleasant neighborhoods, while retaining the earmarks of an urban center with its strong commercial and shopping areas.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Milton on the west; Boston on the northwest; the Atlantic Ocean on the north and east; and Weymouth, Braintree, and Randolph on the south. Quincy is located on the Boston Harbor and Quincy Bay. It is 9 miles south of Boston; 12 miles north of Brockton; 43 miles northeast of Providence, Rhode Island; and 223 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 26.90 sq. miles

Land Area: 16.79 sq. miles

Population: 84,985

Density: 5,062 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Hingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....27.4°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....47.7"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Boston South, Blue Hills, Weymouth, Hull

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (617) 773-1380

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1792

As a city: 1888

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	47,223		
Democrats	27,912	59.1	%
Republicans	6,592	14.0	%
Other parties	12	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	12,707	26.9	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Quincy city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	88,025	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	88,025	100.0
Male.....	41,944	47.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	1,835	2.1
Female.....	46,081	52.3	Mexican.....	163	0.2
Under 5 years.....	4,492	5.1	Puerto Rican.....	548	0.6
5 to 9 years.....	4,230	4.8	Cuban.....	111	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	4,253	4.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	1,013	1.2
15 to 19 years.....	4,019	4.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	86,190	97.9
20 to 24 years.....	5,486	6.2	White alone.....	68,980	78.4
25 to 34 years.....	17,378	19.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	14,377	16.3	Total population.....	88,025	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	11,508	13.1	In households.....	86,439	98.2
55 to 59 years.....	4,344	4.9	Householder.....	38,883	44.2
60 to 64 years.....	3,590	4.1	Spouse.....	15,031	17.1
65 to 74 years.....	7,043	8.0	Child.....	21,515	24.4
75 to 84 years.....	5,306	6.0	Own child under 18 years.....	14,069	16.0
85 years and over.....	1,999	2.3	Other relatives.....	5,158	5.9
Median age (years).....	37.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	1,084	1.2
18 years and over.....	72,644	82.5	Nonrelatives.....	5,852	6.6
Male.....	34,099	38.7	Unmarried partner.....	1,925	2.2
Female.....	38,545	43.8	In group quarters.....	1,586	1.8
21 years and over.....	70,174	79.7	Institutionalized population.....	780	0.9
62 years and over.....	16,456	18.7	Noninstitutionalized population.....	806	0.9
65 years and over.....	14,348	16.3	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	5,473	6.2	Total households.....	38,883	100.0
Female.....	8,875	10.1	Family households (families).....	20,534	52.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	8,048	20.7
One race.....	86,472	98.2	Married-couple family.....	15,031	38.7
White.....	70,066	79.6	With own children under 18 years.....	5,936	15.3
Black or African American.....	1,947	2.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	4,081	10.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	142	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,728	4.4
Asian.....	13,546	15.4	Nonfamily households.....	18,349	47.2
Asian Indian.....	1,127	1.3	Householder living alone.....	14,618	37.6
Chinese.....	9,184	10.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	5,205	13.4
Filipino.....	517	0.6	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	8,777	22.6
Japanese.....	146	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	10,717	27.6
Korean.....	241	0.3	Average household size.....	2.22	(X)
Vietnamese.....	1,679	1.9	Average family size.....	3.03	(X)
Other Asian ¹	652	0.7	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	20	-	Total housing units.....	40,093	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	4	-	Occupied housing units.....	38,883	97.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	5	-	Vacant housing units.....	1,210	3.0
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	10	-	occasional use.....	181	0.5
Some other race.....	751	0.9	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	1,553	1.8	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.7	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	38,883	100.0
White.....	71,325	81.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	19,070	49.0
Black or African American.....	2,322	2.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	19,813	51.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	365	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.59	(X)
Asian.....	13,956	15.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.87	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	72	0.1			
Some other race.....	1,612	1.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	941
Conventional Federal:	651

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	98
Federal (Section 8):	998



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Quincy is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are the Southeast Expressway (State Route 3) and State Route 128, the inner belt around Boston. The interchange between them is located in neighboring Braintree.

Rail

MBTA Red Line subway service is available from Quincy Adams (time to Park Street: 22 min; 2,227 MBTA parking spaces), Quincy Center (20 min; 872 spaces), Wollaston (17 min; 522 parking spaces), North Quincy (15 min; 387 spaces). Conrail and the Quincy Bay Terminal Railway provide freight service to Quincy. Contact numbers: Conrail (617) 783-6222; Quincy Bay Terminal RR (603) 226-3395.

Bus

Quincy is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The MBTA provides fixed route service to Ashmont and Mattapan Stations in Boston and to other communities. The MBTA also provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled.

Other

The Norwood Memorial Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is easily accessible. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,001'x 150' and 4,007'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Adams National Historic Site

135 Adams Street

(617) 773-1177

John Adams & John Quincy Adams Birthplaces

133-141 Franklin Street

(617) 773-1177

Quincy Historical Society

Adams Academy Bldg., 8 Adams Street

(617) 773-1144

Josiah Quincy House

20 Muirhead Street, Wollaston

(617) 227-3956

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Quincy Hospital
Quincy Mental Health Center

Long Term Care

Arlington Green Eldercare
Crestview Healthcare Facility
Friel Nursing Home, Inc.
John Adams Nursing Home
Merrymount Manor Nursing Home
Oceanside Nursing Home, Inc.
Presidential Convalescent Home Inc
Quincy Nursing Home
Robbin House Convalescent Home
William B. Rice Eventide Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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